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NATION'S GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY
REPORTED AT 1,506,000,000 BUSHELS

Survey About 97 Percent Complete

Final returns from all except a few States--and preliminary returns from these--on the Nation-wide grain storage capacity and stocks survey were announced today by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Returns as of March 1 show the Nation's total rated storage capacity for grains, beans, and flaxseed to be 1,505,943,000 bushels. It is estimated that when all returns are in, this capacity will be increased by about 3 percent. Bulk storage capacity reported was 1,173,776,000 bushels; sacked storage 317,976,000 bushels; and crib storage 14,191,000 bushels. New construction either under way or planned as of March 1 would increase the present storage capacity by 70,754,000 bushels. Total stocks of all grains, beans, and flaxseed in these storages, as of March 1, were 745,147,000 bushels.

The survey covered all commercial storage facilities, including idle plants that could readily be placed in operation. It did not include farm storage nor the 136,000,000 bushels of storage represented by steel bins owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The survey, the first of its kind to cover the entire Nation, was made by the Agricultural Marketing Service and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. It was designed primarily to obtain basic storage capacity data for the use of the National Defense Advisory Commission and the Commodity Credit Corporation. The survey covered all establishments storing wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, rice, flaxseed, soybeans, dry beans, and grain sorghums. Such establishments included elevators, warehouses, flour and feed mills, corn, soybean, and flaxseed products mills, malting plants, breweries, distilleries, bean cleaning plants, and rice mills.

The 745,147,000 bushels of total stocks on March 1 were composed of the following: Wheat 412,119,000; shelled corn 147,555,000; ear corn 5,060,000; oats 31,168,000; barley 35,955,000; rye 11,916,000; rice 20,146,000; flaxseed 10,126,000; soybeans 13,154,000; dry beans 12,147,000; grain sorghum 6,907,000; and 38,894,000 bushels of other commodities not specifically named. Corn stored in steel bins by the Commodity Credit Corporation on March 1, amounting to 115,070,000 bushels was not included in the survey.

When the March 1 stocks of 745,147,000 bushels are subtracted from the total reported capacity of 1,505,943,000 bushels, there is a remainder of 760,796,000 bushels of unoccupied space. Not all of this is available storage space, the Agricultural Marketing Service warns, because some allowance must be made for working space and for partially filled bins to which, for various reasons, no more grain can be added. The unoccupied space as reported on March 1 takes this into account as only 516,287,000 bushels are reported available on that date. This is a minimum figure for the reason that some operators apparently reported only space available for rent and a few failed to make any report. Operators estimated that by June 1 the net out-movement of grain would be sufficient to increase this available space to 592,289,000 bushels. This is even more of a minimum figure than that of March 1.

Detailed figures by States follow:

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State	Rated			New construction	Total stocks	Unoccupied space		
	Storage Capacity					on Mar. 1	Available on Mar. 1	To be available on June 1
	Bulk	Sack	Crib					
Thousand bushels								
Maine	1,673	276	--	--	1,188	500	1,719	
N.H.	427	362	2	56	160	228	264	
Vt.	900	1,163	--	10	503	631	647	
Mass.	3,902	1,617	1	--	2,756	1,636	1,926	
R.I.	207	305	--	--	168	139	129	
Conn.	285	1,191	--	10	164	608	604	
N.Y.	73,721	8,302	--	1,366	48,261	25,083	25,767	
N.J.	7,819	12,401	54	121	3,364	6,523	4,702	
Pa.	10,535	3,130	183	44	3,271	7,660	8,963	
Ohio	41,977	5,634	1,247	632	18,092	17,445	18,624	
Ind.	27,738	1,195	1,761	347	9,150	10,158	8,646	
Ill.	125,997	3,060	3,738	7,870	67,171	35,403	33,576	
Mich.	12,811	3,385	157	362	6,328	5,404	5,132	
Wis.	59,217	3,042	179	3,074	46,918	12,012	13,533	
Minn.	163,927	2,576	518	6,785	102,564	36,766	42,935	
Iowa	62,620	6,197	1,653	6,478	40,144	14,295	12,956	
Mo.	70,743	4,418	683	702	43,851	16,601	23,259	
N.Dak.	49,709	152	79	1,955	37,401	7,494	11,248	
S.Dak.	21,979	302	243	352	12,979	6,083	7,507	
Nebr.	45,235	1,226	428	2,726	26,238	11,442	13,544	
Kans.	112,970	1,085	245	9,326	64,601	36,408	51,781	
Del.	341	318	113	6	237	466	486	
Md.	14,706	1,502	429	36	4,033	10,582	12,659	
Va.	4,841	2,020	162	346	1,918	3,320	3,881	
W.Va.	890	357	19	3	270	564	447	
N.C.	3,607	2,130	190	292	2,311	2,284	3,193	
S.C.	286	150	6	100	105	192	80	
Ga.	735	968	75	6	215	812	894	
Fla.	131	701	62	100	391	111	121	
Ky.	10,987	3,464	273	349	6,341	6,353	9,004	
Tenn.	8,934	5,197	207	37	5,412	3,729	6,060	
Ala.	1,030	215	15	50	217	555	415	
Miss.	627	2,337	81	--	323	890	3,045	
Ark.	4,370	2,136	124	65	3,179	2,556	3,780	
La.	3,130	26,598	242	307	9,336	19,388	18,241	
Okla.	33,223	1,955	184	6,512	19,632	12,102	15,826	
Tex.	68,627	23,246	818	11,056	45,824	39,808	46,680	
Mont.	21,397	398	--	1,801	13,839	6,037	6,027	
Idaho	15,588	15,308	9	590	14,351	14,666	17,859	
Wyo.	1,077	825	5	40	732	1,100	1,090	
Colo.	11,325	5,326	1	1,492	7,122	7,945	7,118	
N.Mex.	602	2,222	--	203	652	1,403	1,403	
Ariz.	668	2,826	--	183	767	1,751	1,138	
Utah	6,330	3,563	4	505	3,037	5,879	4,879	
Nev.	193	729	--	--	152	304	335	
Wash.	36,531	41,656	1	1,336	25,830	45,108	52,704	
Oreg.	14,227	20,086	--	522	11,979	17,885	20,552	
Calif.	14,981	90,724	--	2,601	31,670	57,978	66,910	
U.S.	1,173,776	317,976	14,191	70,754	745,147	516,287	592,289	
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State	Stocks by Kinds on March 1					
	Wheat	Shelled Corn	Ear Corn	Oats	Barley	Rye
	Thousand bushels					
Maine	1,084	12	--	19	--	--
N.H.	25	41	--	47	8	1
Vt.	20	134	--	135	26	--
Mass.	1,857	125	--	141	98	3
R.I.	6	31	--	33	4	--
Conn.	13	22	--	25	4	1
N.Y.	29,767	8,612	133	2,089	1,303	2,729
N.J.	1,141	112	19	162	104	15
Pa.	1,535	393	60	366	35	23
Ohio	10,279	2,348	312	2,779	98	71
Ind.	4,567	2,192	408	1,162	56	205
Ill.	15,054	33,200	1,369	3,130	1,796	1,841
Mich.	2,545	1,156	63	755	352	37
Wis.	17,469	6,704	40	434	8,925	1,832
Minn.	60,282	18,940	231	4,815	7,340	2,790
Iowa	4,465	28,466	578	3,839	293	25
Mo.	29,242	11,608	401	1,096	228	183
N.Dak.	34,398	99	98	816	790	608
S.Dak.	8,616	2,159	71	1,094	548	307
Nebr.	11,208	13,673	137	493	390	91
Kans.	58,421	3,749	100	509	254	175
Del.	102	18	63	4	--	--
Md.	2,339	740	139	54	19	483
Va.	1,029	230	50	63	17	15
W.Va.	133	63	7	42	7	1
N.C.	643	446	89	84	67	--
S.C.	58	40	--	5	--	--
Ga.	65	70	18	14	4	3
Fla.	19	30	10	25	5	1
Ky.	3,188	1,724	96	101	18	138
Tenn.	1,936	2,210	118	629	134	21
Ala.	8	128	4	19	4	2
Miss.	4	141	--	124	26	1
Ark.	6	99	76	114	6	2
La.	78	438	27	267	8	3
Okla.	18,156	495	73	428	133	2
Tex.	28,645	3,242	250	954	195	160
Mont.	13,184	30	--	170	173	8
Idaho	9,535	15	6	464	689	3
Wyo.	147	52	--	53	35	3
Colo.	3,678	732	2	140	530	8
N.Mex.	138	20	2	9	5	--
Ariz.	207	14	--	30	92	--
Utah	2,798	44	--	60	109	--
Nev.	111	2	--	17	21	1
Wash.	20,760	1,615	1	1,003	1,345	53
Oreg.	9,301	289	2	914	693	39
Calif.	3,857	572	2	1,442	8,968	27
U.S.	412,119	147,555	5,060	31,168	35,955	11,916

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	Rice	Flaxseed	Soybeans	Dry Beans	Grain Sorghum	Other
	Thousand bushels					
Me.	--	--	--	--	--	73
N.H.	--	--	--	--	--	38
Vt.	--	--	1	2	1	184
Mass.	4	1	1	17	--	509
R.I.	--	--	--	--	--	94
Conn.	--	--	--	--	--	99
N.Y.	8	538	335	557	16	2,174
N.J.	--	1,200	24	--	--	587
Pa.	--	--	--	--	--	854
Ohio	28	--	1,637	2	4	234
Ind.	--	--	551	--	--	9
Ill.	--	130	5,387	3	10	5,251
Mich.	--	1	71	945	--	403
Wis.	--	377	30	1	2	11,104
Minn.	4	6,223	169	--	5	1,765
Iowa	--	177	2,199	--	3	99
Mo.	4	13	387	220	395	74
N.Dak.	--	559	--	--	--	33
S.Dak.	--	155	--	--	34	15
Nebr.	--	--	42	142	46	16
Kans.	--	358	26	4	972	33
Del.	--	--	44	--	--	5
Md.	7	--	16	5	2	229
Va.	--	--	457	1	--	56
W.Va.	--	--	2	4	--	10
N.C.	--	--	591	--	8	383
S.C.	--	--	1	--	1	--
Ga.	--	--	2	26	1	13
Fla.	5	--	5	4	1	287
Ky.	4	--	821	--	5	246
Tenn.	--	--	121	1	17	225
Ala.	--	--	--	--	2	50
Miss.	--	--	25	--	2	--
Ark.	2,717	--	52	--	7	100
La.	5,083	--	--	6	10	3,416
Okla.	--	3	1	5	148	183
Tex.	5,567	3	29	16	2,866	3,897
Mont.	--	111	--	82	--	81
Idaho	--	2	--	2,373	--	1,264
Wyo.	--	--	6	312	--	124
Colo.	--	--	--	1,336	248	448
N.Mex.	--	--	--	402	57	19
Ariz.	--	--	--	12	204	208
Utah	--	--	--	--	--	26
Nev.	--	--	--	--	--	--
Wash.	76	8	3	11	--	955
Oreg.	--	36	--	--	--	705
Calif.	6,639	231	118	5,658	1,840	2,316
U.S.	20,146	10,126	13,154	12,147	6,907	38,894